

## Cattle theft case solved; four accused held

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REASI: In a swift and coordinated effort, District Police Reasi successfully solved a cattle theft case reported from Nai Basti area of Reasi town.

On 06 February 2025, Police Station Reasi came to know about the theft of 7-8 cattle during the intervening night of 5/6 February 2025 by 4-5 unidentified persons. Acting promptly, a case under FIR No. 20/2025 U/S 303(1), 223, 3(5) BNS was registered, and an investigation was launched.

Considering the sensitivity of the case, SSP Reasi Paramvir Singh ordered an extensive manhunt to apprehend the culprits. Multiple teams were deployed to various locations and CCTV footage from different parts of Reasi town was meticulously analyzed. Through relentless efforts and advanced technical assistance, vital clues about the accused persons and the vehicle used in the crime were obtained.

Following the leads, three accused were arrested on 08 February 2025. However, the main accused, identified as



Abdul Qadeer S/O Shahid Mohammad R/O Channi, Jammu, was on the run along with the vehicle used in the crime. A breakthrough came on 15 February 2025 when Abdul Qadeer, while attempting to flee towards Kashmir, was apprehended at Tikri. During interrogation, the main accused confessed his involvement in the theft along with four other accomplices. The investigation is ongoing, and more arrests are expected in connection with the case. The whole operation was conducted by team of P/S Reasi led by SHO Reasi Insp Ranjeet Singh Rao under the overall supervision of Asst SP Reasi Iftikhar Ahmed.

## 5 gamblers arrested, stake money seized

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BUDGAM: Police in Budgam have arrested five gamblers and seized stake money from their possession.

Police Post Narbal received specific information through reliable sources that some unknown persons are busy in gambling activities near village Jawaharpora Narbal in an open agriculture land. On receipt of this information, a police party headed by incharge Police Post Narbal raided the specific place and arrested five persons involved in gambling activities. They have been identified as Nisar Ahmad Dar son of Abdul Rehman Dar resident of Chanabal Mirgund Baramulla, Gh Mohd Bhat son of Abdul Aziz Bhat resident of Ghat Sozeith Goripora, Shahnawaz Ahmad Sheikh son of Bashir Ahmad Sheikh resident of Matipora Pattan, Gh Rasool Parray son of Abdul Raheem Parray resident of Sumbal Sonawari and Gh

Mohiddin Rather son of Abdul Rahim Rather resident of Alambal Mirgund. Officers have seized stake money of ₹33,500/- and playing cards from their possession.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No 21/2025 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Magam and further investigation has been initiated.

Persons found indulging in criminal activities shall be strictly dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with the local police units.

## Drug peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered

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KUPWARA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested drug peddler in Kupwara and recovered contraband substance from his possession. A police party led by SHP Police Station Kralpora, intercepted a suspected person during naka checking at Reddi Chowkibal. During search, approximately 40 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Abdul Rasheed Mir son of Sonaulah Mir resident of Zonareshi. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 07/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kralpora and further investigation has been initiated.

## Two narco-smugglers held with heroin

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UDHAMPUR: Police on Sunday nabbed two narco smugglers and recovered heroin from his possession.

Police team from Police Station Majalta led by its SHO while performing routine vehicle checking at Baryalta on Plater road stopped one vehicle bearing registration number JK14K-0657 for checking purpose. Upon conducting a thorough frisking of the driver and his associate, the police team recovered 1.34 grams of heroin (chitta) like Contraband substance from their possession.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Ajay Singh



son of Om Parkash resident of Kail, Majalta and Karan Singh son of Rattan Singh resident of Makwal, Ramkot. On this, a case vide FIR No. 18/2025 U/S 8/21/22/NDPS Act stands registered in P/S Majalta and further investigation was set into probe.

## Murti Sthapana Diwas' of Radha Krishna celebrated at historic Raghunath temple Chani Prat

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NEWSHIERA: The Idol Installation Day ("Murti Sthapana Diwas") of Radha Krishna's idol was celebrated with full enthusiasm and reverence in historic Raghunath temple at village Chani Prat of Sunderbani. On the occasion of the idol installation programme organized in the temple, a havan puja was performed by group of Acharayas in the morning and afterwards the devotees including Pt. Ashwani Sharma, Reva Sharma and other family members of Rajouri bathed the idols of Radha Krishna, changed their clothes and adorned both of them.

And after lighting the lamp, offered Makhani Mishri, Bhog prashad, the devotees performed Aarti puja and made the atmosphere devotional by singing



the hymns of Radha Krishna in the two storey Hindu temple - the first of its kind in J&K which includes paintings from Mahabharata and Ramayana besides that of other Gods and Goddesses.

This majestic two storey Raghunath temple located at an isolated place near village Chani Prat, is believed to have been constructed during the reign of Maharaja

Gulab Singh, through the efforts of a saints who used to visit this place from time to time. The temple consists of idols of Radha-Krishan at 1st Floor, Lord Rama Parivaar at Base, Lord Hanuman and Lord Shiva at main premises. The structure and design of the temple is unique because there is no temple of such structure in this region. Stairs case of this temple is an engineering

marvel.

"At first look, no one can find the way to first floor easily as the staircase has been built inside a wall of the temple. Being part of the wall the staircase is not practically visible but just few steps lead the visitors and devotees to first floor. The temple has huge space to be developed as a heritage site as well as pilgrimage", Pt. Govind Khajuria, Senior Member, Temple committee. "After years of efforts from the members of temple committee, an amount of twenty eight lakhs have been sanctioned by Archeological Survey of India and tendering process has also been allotted to concerned authorities for the overall restoration of main temple. We hope the restoration work would be started soon", said Mr. Chaman Lal Khajuria, President, Temple

Committee. The temple committee further demand to UT government for starting work on Children Park around the temple and construction of Bathroom soon.

At last, a Langer/Bhandara was organized at temple premises in which huge numbers of locals of the village participated and paid their whole hearted obsequence towards Lord Krishna and seek blessings on this auspicious occasion. Pt. Ashwani Sharma along with his family members on behalf of others devotees thanked Chaman Lal Khajuria, Chairman and other committee members of the temple for their valuable cooperation. Thakur Randhir Singh, MLA Kalakote, Pt. Pritam Sharma, District President, BJP, Kalakote-Nowshera were some of the dignitaries present on the occasion.

## GDC Bhaderwah establishes Bee Garden



Faculty members establishing garden.

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BHADERWAH: Under the mentorship of Principal GDC Bhaderwah Dr Attar Singh Kotwal a Bee Garden was established in herbal garden of the college in Collaboration with Horticulture Department Bharat Bhushan (DHO), Apiculture Department

Chander Bhushan (ADO Doda) & Ashiesh Kotwal (ADA) and IIC (Institution innovation council) headed by Dr Ravinder Singh Rana (HOD Botany). This initiative aims to promote biodiversity, support pollination and create ecofriendly environment. We look forward to fostering awareness about the

importance of bees in our ecosystem and encouraging sustainable practices.

As the climate of the Earth changes, bees and pollinators are under increasing threats from urbanization and development, heavy chemical and neonicotinoid pesticide use, and shifting weather patterns that create increased temperatures, droughts, fires, floods and hurricanes - all contributing to habitat loss. While most of us are aware of honeybees being decimated by colony collapse disorder, many of us are not aware that native wild bees are also in peril globally. Honeybees have humans managing and caring for them while wild bees are left to fend for themselves. Many wild bee species are facing extinction along with butterflies, moths, birds, frogs, toads, snakes and more.

## DD News presents Coffee Table Book to DC Rajouri

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RAJOURI: DD News, presented a Coffee Table Book on the coverage of the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Elections to , Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajouri Abhishek Sharma.

The book, which was earlier released by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, showcases the efforts of Doordarshan News Jammu in promoting voter education and awareness during the elections.

The Coffee Table Book highlights key initiatives undertaken by the Regional News Unit (RNU) of DD News Jammu, including social media campaigns, signature drives under the Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program, and special voter education programs.

These efforts were designed to reach out to voters across Jammu & Kashmir, with a par-



ticular emphasis on remote areas.

During the event, Shakti Sharma briefed the DC on the collaborative efforts made by DD News Jammu to inform and engage the electorate, ensuring that every voter had access to essential election-related information.

The DC appreciated the significant contributions made by

DD News Jammu, especially in increasing voter awareness in underserved areas.

"I commend the entire team of DD News Jammu for their dedication to strengthening the democratic process. The Coffee Table Book is a reflection of the collective efforts to empower voters and ensure greater participation in the electoral process," said DC Rajouri.

## CRPF, Army organise multi-specialty medical camp

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BHADERWAH: With an aim to provide medicare facilities at the door steps of people residing in far-off areas, CRPF in collaboration with Army, Health Department and the social Welfare Organization of India organised a Free Multi-Specialty Medical Camp in far-off Lower Bheja village of Bhaderwah bringing essential healthcare services to rural communities.

The mega camp was organized at Govt School Bheja (Bhaderwah), which was inaugurated by Commandant 33 Battalion CRPF Arun Kumar Singh along with BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuchey and Zaffer Hussain Wani Vice President Social Welfare



Organization of India. People from Lower Bheja and it's adjoining villages participated in the camp. Tehsildar Bhaderwah Kamalpreet Singh was also present in the programme.

Nearly 1000 people got examined by the team of doctors from Army, CRPF, Health Department and

AYUSH as the area lacks proper medical facility due to it's backwardness.

A team of doctors comprising of Orthopaedics, Dentist, General Physician, ENT, Surgeon, Physiotherapist and others rendered their services during the camp. The patients received free

medical check-ups, medicines, diagnostic tests, and health awareness sessions during the camp.

Captain (Dr) Sajal Mishra (RMO 4RR), Dr Toseef Malik (Dentist), Dr Manjeet Singh (MO), Dr Jabina MO (AYUSH), Dr Sheenam Rafiqi MO (RBSK), Dr Priya Manhas MO (ENT), Dr Abbas Reshi MO, Dr Amir Malik Physiotherapist, Dr Rahat Goni MO (RBSK) and others examined the patients. Besides staff from Laboratory and AYUSH also rendered their services.

BMO Bhaderwah Dr. Mohd Ashraf Kuchey, lauded the collaborative efforts, highlighting it's role in addressing healthcare needs and promoting well-being in underserved areas.

Commandant CRPF 33

Bn Arun Kumar Singh said that CRPF is always there to help local populace. He further highlighted various social welfare and outreach programmes held by the Battalion to develop a connection with the villagers.

"CRPF 33 Bn is performing operational duties in all parts of the District and is simultaneously doing works related to development of social and human aspects to enable rural people to become good citizens and contribute towards the progress of the Nation", he added. Locals also expressed their gratitude to CRPF, Army, Health Department, AYUSH and others for organising such a mega medical camp with all specialist doctors. They hope that such initiatives will be taken in future as well.

## All Department Clerical Staff Association constitutes Udhampur District cadre



Newly elected members of Association at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: A general body meeting representatives of Jammu and Kashmir all Department Clerical Staff Association District Udhampur was held today under the Chairmanship of Babu Hussain Malik State President Jammu and Kashmir all Department

Clerical Staff Association including Senior trade union leader Seva Ram Rathore, Naresh Kumar, and Vikas Chander.

In the meeting a new body of all Clerical cadre District Udhampur was constituted in which Abhishek Gupta elected as President, Sheetal Seth as Vice President, Sunil Dutt as General Secretary, Sukechain Choudhary as Secretary, Narinder Nidhi as Publicity Secretary, Rajesh Dogra Advisor of the Association. Abhishek President of the newly formed Association declared his full support and solidarity to leadership of Babu Hussain Malik State President Jammu and Kashmir all Department Clerical Staff Association and requested all the

newly elected members of the Association to work with honesty and dedication for the welfare of the Clerical cadre employees and redressal of other grievances of the employees. All the representatives in one voice appeal to Lieutenant Governor and chief Minister to implement the landmark judgment of the CAT Double bench vide TA no 861of 2020 dated 4-10-2024 and DPC, restoration of two additional increments on clearing secretariat Assistant course which has been wrongly stopped vide SRO-333 in letter and spirit regarding pay anomalies of Clerical cadre Junior Assistant, Senior Assistant, Head Assistant and junior stenographer to be settle as early as possible.

## Students of GDC Neeli Nallah receives Rajya Puraskar by LG

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UDHAMPUR: Students of GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur received Rajya Puraskar for J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Convention Centre, Jammu. Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services and Sports; Dr Mandeeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Wg. Cdr MM Joshi, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides; Sh Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General, Youth Services and Sports; Administrators, Guides & Captains were also present.

The Lieutenant Governor presented J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides Rajya Puraskar Certificates to Scouts & Guides, Rovers and Rangers and extended his felicitations to all the recipients. He said these certificates are recognition of their dedication, selfless service, hard work, and discipline and lauded the exemplary contribution of every-one associated with the Bharat Scouts and Guides movement towards community services and nation building. He further said

that "J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides is on the mission to ensure that service to others is a motto of society before the self. With this vision J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides are doing commendable work in fostering the spirit of national integration and working selflessly for betterment of society. I want J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides to create a network of youth leaders in different sectors, connect the youth with the cultural heritage and traditions, and build a dedicated team of Scouts and Guides who lead the fight against drug abuse."

Prof. Dr. Seema Arora, the Principal of the college also attended the ceremony. Ramneek Sharma, Sheetal Sharma and Vaishali Devi of Semester 6th received the Rajya Puraskar award. The Principal congratulated the students and said that "Youth is the only power that we have today to develop a progressive society and a prosperous nation. Through youth we can ignite the flame of transformation." She also appreciated the efforts of Prof. Shaista Yasmeen, Convenor Bharat Scouts and Guides for her selfless services and dedication.

## Kesri slams PHE Deptt for supplying contaminated drinking water in Arnia town

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ARNIA: Shiv Sena Hindustan has condemned the Public Health Engineering (PHE) department for supplying contaminated drinking water in Arnia town, which has led to residents falling ill. Addressing a press conference in Arnia town, Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri said that this is not an isolated incident, as there have been previous reports of dirty water supply in various areas, where residents protested against PHE department.

Kesri said that issue of contaminated water supply is a recurring problem in Jammu District, with several areas facing acute water scarcity and poor water quality. The PHE department has been criticized for its inefficiency in providing clean drinking water, with aggrieved locals questioning the authorities' commitment to resolving the issue. The contaminated water supply has serious health implications, with residents complaining of water-borne illnesses. In some cases, students have fallen ill due to drinking contaminated water. The Shiv Sena Hindustan's condemnation of the PHE department



Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri briefing media at Arnia.

highlights the need for urgent action to address the issue of dirty drinking water in Arnia town and other affected areas, added Kesri.

Kesri slammed the PHE department for its failure, stating that depriving people of clean drinking water is a violation of their basic rights. The PHE department's intended purpose is to ensure drinking water facilities to all habitations, rural and urban. However, their inefficiency has led to the supply of unfiltered drinking water to people, highlighting the department's apathy. The situation is likely to worsen with the approaching summer, and the residents are demanding immediate action from the authorities to address the water scarcity issue, said Kesri.

Kesri observed that access to clean drinking water is indeed a fundamental human

right. The United Nations recognizes access to safe and clean drinking water as a basic human right, essential for human dignity and well-being. In India, the Supreme Court has also emphasized the importance of access to clean drinking water, stating that it is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to life. Denying citizens access to clean drinking water is a violation of this fundamental right, and it's the responsibility of the government and its agencies, such as the PHE department, to ensure that this right is protected and fulfilled, added Kesri. He said that Shiv Sena Hindustan will continue speaking out against the PHE department's failure to supply clean drinking water, highlighting the need for urgent action to address this critical issue.

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